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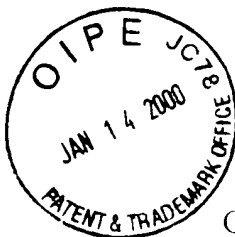
In re application of

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Appln. No. 09/317,986

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For: MELT-BLOWN, NON-WOVEN FABRIC OF POLYARYLENE SULFIDE AND
M E T H O D F O R P R O D U C I N G S A M E



Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: NOT YET UNKNOWN

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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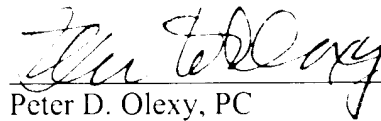
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of (1) Two prior art references mentioned in the specification JP-A 63-315655 (at page 2, line 11⁻) with English Abstract and JP-A1-229855 (at page 2, line 21⁻) with English Abstract. (2) A copy of the European search report with cited references for the remaining references..

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